

Indiana State Flag

Hoosier State • Capital: Indianapolis • Statehood: 1816

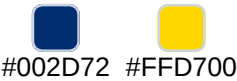
Overview

On blue, a gold torch flares with rays, encircled by nineteen stars — Indiana being the nineteenth state admitted to the Union. The torch symbolises enlightenment and liberty, the stars unity. It is uncluttered and luminous, almost celestial.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1917-05-31
Designer: Paul Hadley
Ratio: 2:3
Blue field with golden torch and 19 stars arranged around it.

Colors



Symbolism

torch	Represents liberty and enlightenment.
13 outer stars	Symbolize the original 13 colonies.
5 inner stars	Represent the next five states.
large star above torch	Represents Indiana, the 19th state.

Historical timeline

- 1816: Indiana admitted as 19th state.
- 1917: Flag design adopted during centennial.

Notable facts

- Designed by a Hoosier artist during a contest.
- Stars clearly show Indiana as the 19th state.
- The torch represents liberty and enlightenment.
- The outer circle of stars symbolizes the original states.
- The inner semi-circle of stars represents states added before Indiana.
- The larger star above the torch represents Indiana itself.
- The flag uses gold symbols on a blue field.
- The design was officially adopted in 1917.

Seal deep dive

torch
A central gold torch radiating light.
Meaning: Liberty, knowledge, and progress

stars
Nineteen gold stars arranged around the torch.
Meaning: Indiana as the 19th state, with thirteen original states represented

field
Dark blue background.
Meaning: Stability, dignity, and unity

Vexillology notes

Design type: Symbolic emblem flag
Complexity: 3/10
Readability: 9/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.